

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0030] with the following paragraph:

[0030] The powder coating further includes a solid, crosslinkable material and, when appropriate, a crosslinker reactive with the crosslinkable material. Known thermosetting powder coating chemistries include, without limitation, combinations of acid functional and epoxy functional materials, combinations of acid anhydride functional and epoxy functional materials, combinations of beta-hydroxy amide functional and epoxy functional materials, acetoacetate functional materials and aminoplasts, carbamate functional materials and aminoplasts, combinations of hydroxyl functional materials and blocked isocyanate functional materials, combinations of hydroxyl functional materials and aminoplasts, combinations of hydroxyl functional materials and silane functional materials, and radiation curable materials (e.g., polyacrylates), as well as combinations of these in which the powder coating cures by more than one type of reaction. The thermosetting, film-forming components ("vehicle") should be substantially solid, although small amounts of liquids can be incorporated via a materbatch. ("Solid" refers to materials that are solid at 20°C.) The crosslinkable material and/or crosslinker may have groups reactive with the modified aminoplast, or the crosslinkable material and crosslinker may react to produce groups reactive with the modified aminoplast. As an example of the latter situation, a reaction ~~on~~ of an epoxide group with an acid group produces an hydroxyl group, that would be reactive toward alkylol or alkyloxy groups of the modified melamine.

Please replace Paragraph [0036] with the following paragraph:

[0036] Other preferred curing agents ~~for~~ include solid epoxide-functional epoxy resins and acrylic resins, as well as solid monomeric polyfunctional epoxide compounds such as triglycidyl isocyanurate, polyoxazolines, and polydioxanes; solid polyamines; and solid polyacid compounds, such as dodecanedioic acid. More than one kind of curing agent may be used for curing mechanisms employing mixed chemistries.